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For                        METHOD FOR CULTIVATING CELLS, PARTICULARLY  
                             HUMAN OR ANIMAL CELLS  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the translation serving as Specification:

Page 1, before Paragraph 1 insert

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**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the US national phase of PCT application PCT/EP2002/010357 filed 16 September 2002 with a claim to the priority of PCT patent application PCT/EP2002 010357 itself filed 16 September 2002.

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